

THE HALL-MILLS CASE

A DAILY PICTURE STORY OF THE MYSTERIOUS JERSEY TRAGEDY

WATCH FOR TOMORROW'S INSTALLMENT



Appointed by Gov. Moore to renew the four-year-old investigation, Senator Alexander W. Simpson has become one of the principal characters in the mystery drama, furnishing the impetus which has kept it moving before the public gaze.



Two days in a cell of the Somerset County Jail at Somerville broke down Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and when she at last was released on bail her condition was so weak that she had to be aided to a waiting automobile by friends.



Taken into custody by two detectives, Willie Stevens, who has been said to have the mental development of a 14-year-old child, seemed to take his predicament as an adventure, giving no intimation he was aware of the seriousness of the charge.



A broker with offices in New York and an outstanding figure in the New Jersey community where he made his home, Henry Stevens, a cousin to the three other defendants, has stoutly maintained his innocence and has labelled his arrest an outrage.

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Rodgers's Escape A Put-Up Job

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think that was his name. They knew that Beckwith was the only guard who would take Bum back to Auburn. The information relative to how the break for liberty would be staged and where it would be staged was sent to Spud, Cuniffe and Brogan in a letter, but the party that mailed the letter didn't know the contents of the letter, otherwise she probably wouldn't have mailed it.

The night before the day that Bum was to go back to Auburn with the prison "screw" this letter was delivered to Chi Spud. Here was this fellow who was supposed to be a "sap" planning one of the cleverest escapes that had ever been made. He even knew what train they (he and the guard) were going to take out of the Grand Central Station. I think it was the 2 o'clock train.

Didn't Hit the Guard

Anyway, Spud, Cuniffe and Brogan were at the Grand Central Station for an hour or more before the train pulled out waiting for Bum and the Auburn guard. It has been said that Cuniffe hit Beckwith over the head with a piece of iron pipe wrapped in paper. Cuniffe didn't hit the guard.

It has been said that Cuniffe staged the getaway. Of course he didn't. Bum Rodgers planned the whole affair and Spud, Cuniffe and Scar Face Brogan carried out Bum's plans and Brogan was the fellow who slugged the guard over the head with a piece of lead pipe.

They followed Bum and the guard through the gates at Grand Central Station. They had bought transportation to Albany in the event the plan to liberate Bum at the Harlem station failed to go

off. Just before the train pulled into the Harlem station of the New York Central Bum spoke to the guard:—

"It's hot as hell in this coach, Mr. Beckwith," he said, "whataya say if we take off our coats?"

"Sure," Beckwith replied, "all right Bum."

He pulled out his handcuff keys and proceeded to unlock the handcuffs so that Bum could take off his coat. Jimmy Cuniffe occupied a seat directly across the aisle while Scar Face Brogan and Chi Spud occupied the seat in back of Bum and the guard. The guard inserted the key in the handcuff.

Bum stood up. That was the signal that the cuff was off his wrist. Scar Face Brogan leaned over and hit the guard on the head. He groaned and fell between the seats. Bum and the gang dashed out of the coach.

A railroad man on the platform tried to stop them. Cuniffe kicked him in the stomach, knocking him down. They dashed out of the station and down to the corner of Park Avenue, where Tommy Baldwin was waiting with his Wills Sainte Claire sedan into which they all jumped and rode away. The getaway was staged without a hitch and Bum Rodgers was at liberty once more.

And the first words he uttered that day were:—

"So they've convicted Chapple and they're going to give him the rope, eh?"

"Yes," Tommy Baldwin sighed, "poor Chapple! He's a goner if we can't save him, Bum."

"Here, Bum, take a shot," Brogan handed him the heroin. "It'll do y' good."

"Hurry up," he growled as he grabbed the bottle of dope. "Let me have it quick."

Then he launched into a wild babble of what he was going to do to save Chapman. Some of the wild things he planned have been executed. He talked murder, and he has committed murder. I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT SOME OF THESE MANIACAL STUNTS IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.

Judges May Delay Hall Trial a Month

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Stevens, now in jail, before they go to trial.

Mrs. Hall has been instructed by lawyers to do her best to lay aside her austere manner while in the courtroom. She will sit next to Willie Stevens during the trial, as she is able to control the eccentric member of the family better than any one else.

In her attendance to Willie, however, there will be no make-believe, as Frances Stevens since childhood has loved this physically powerful brother of hers with the child's mind. She has mothered him for years.

Robert L. McCarter, former at-

torney general connected with the defense counsel, arrived last night to take up quarters in the luxurious South Somerville home, which the defense has leased for the duration of the trials. He is confident of an acquittal.

The last of 250 newspaper reporters, cameramen and special writers were arriving in Somerville today from all parts of the coun-



Mrs. Frances Hall Henry Stevens

try, and the little town was in the throes of the greatest excitement it has ever known.

In new uniforms, the police force of seven supervised roadway markings which it was hoped would divert traffic from the streets surrounding the courthouse.

Dan, the candy man, one of the familiar faces of Somerville, will be at the courthouse early tomorrow morning with coffee and sandwiches for the line expected to wait during the night for the few seats which will be open to the public.

Of the 278 seats, ninety have been allotted to newspaper men and for the first day or two almost all the rest will be occupied by prospective jurors and witnesses. The state has subpoenaed 126.

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